

W. Bank societies appeal to PNC

AMMAN (Petra) — Heads and members of cooperative organisations in the occupied West Bank Wednesday sent cables to the Palestine National Council (PNC) now meeting in Algiers urging its members to adopt effective decisions that would ensure the return of Arab lands to their owners and liberate the territories from Israeli rule. The statement called on PNC members to coordinate their stand with Jordan at the regional and international levels with the purpose of benefiting from the current peace initiatives. Signatories of the cables represented agricultural engineers, farmers and cooperative societies.

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Israel arrests 200 Palestinians

TEL AVIV (R) — About 200 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been arrested in two days of continuing unrest in the Israeli-occupied territories, Arab sources said Wednesday. Most of those arrested were youths, the sources said. They were rounded up after Israeli cars were stoned in the West Bank and an Israeli man was shot Tuesday by an unidentified man in the Gaza Strip during demonstrations in support of the Palestine National Council (PNC) now meeting in Algiers. The army placed over half a dozen towns and roads in the area under curfew.

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Ramadan arrives in Turkey for talks

ANKARA (R) — Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan began talks with Turkish leaders Wednesday which officials said would centre on regional issues and trade. Mr. Ramadan told reporters before meeting Prime Minister Bulend Uysal it would be wrong to think of relations between the two countries only in terms of economic links. Turkey has maintained close relations with both sides in the war between Iran and Iraq and made an unsuccessful mediation attempt last year.

Van Der Broek ends Mideast visit

ABU DHABI (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Der Broek flew home Wednesday at the end of a Middle East tour. During his three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) he discussed the Middle East problem, the Iraq-Iran war, and the promotion of trade and economic relations between the UAE and the Netherlands. Mr. Van Der Broek also visited Oman, Jordan, Lebanon and Bahrain.

Papandreou in Vienna

VIENNA (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou arrived Wednesday for an official three-day visit to Austria at the invitation of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Egypt, Sudan to sign integration accords

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak and Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri will meet in Khartoum on Tuesday to sign agreements, to further Egyptian-Sudanese integration, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Wednesday. The official Egyptian agency added the pacts would cover freedom of movement between the two states, removing tariff barriers to help bilateral trade and setting up an investment fund. The announcement followed a meeting by the two presidents at Aswan on Monday.

U.S. grants trade credit to Iraq

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States has granted its first trade credit to Iraq since diplomatic relations were broken off in 1967, the Washington Post reported Wednesday. Citing an agriculture department official, it said the Commodity Credit Corporation had granted a credit line of \$210 million for buying U.S. farm products. Some \$160 million had already been spent on wheat, rice and barley. Other U.S. officials said an American delegation was now in Baghdad to negotiate a further \$450 million line of credit.

20 Baha'i leaders executed in Iran

LONDON (R) — Twenty leaders of the Baha'i faith have been sentenced to death in the Iranian city of Shiraz for spying and alleged links with Israel, officials said Wednesday. A spokesman for the Shiraz Islamic Court said the tribunal tried 21 Baha'i leaders and passed death sentences on 20 of them. One of the defendants, a woman, had been pardoned. He said the 20 leaders had been condemned to death because: "Not only did they not regret what they had done, they were also proud of their religion and actions."

PLO leader faces 'narrowed' options for Mideast peace

ALGIERS (R) — Yasser Arafat appears to be hardening his previously moderate line on Middle East peace moves, sources at a conference of Palestinian leaders said Wednesday.

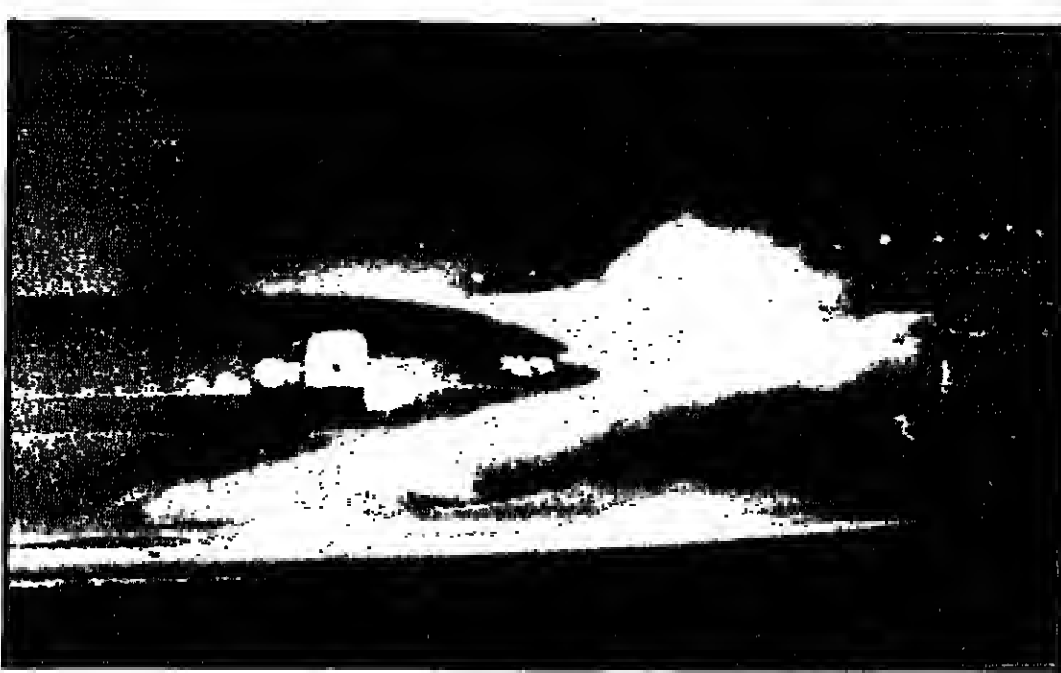
The sources said Mr. Arafat's options on peace moves had narrowed as the result of hardline statements at the current session here of the Palestine National Council (PNC)—the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile. They said Mr. Arafat appeared to be edging towards the militant position in an attempt to maintain the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Unity is his number one goal at the moment. But both moderates and hardliners in the PLO are still pressing their views to influence the PNC's verdict on Mr. Arafat's diplomatic approach to Middle East peace.

Mr. Arafat's moderate stance has split the PLO into supporters and critics of his leader and during its session here the PNC is expected to agree on a formal response to various peace proposals under discussion.

A wide range of sources said it was clear that the PLO could not give an explicit signal to the United States and Jordan that it was ready to accept peace initiatives sounded out by Mr. Arafat over the past six months.

The prevailing view at the PNC was that the PLO could not make concessions while both President Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister

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GETTING HOSED DOWN:

An Eastern Airlines jet gets blasted by an emergency vehicle with fire department after it belly landed at the Miami International Airport late Tuesday

night with a reported 67 passengers and crew of seven aboard. The jet's landing gear malfunctioned and had to make the emergency landing while enroute from West Palm Beach to New York. (A.P. wirephoto)

Car bomb kills 2 in east Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — A car bomb exploded at a petrol station in a rightist-controlled suburb of Beirut Wednesday, killing two people and injuring at least one other, security sources said.

The attack happened in Antelias, a coastal area of apartment blocks and beach hotels on the east side of Beirut.

The Lebanese regular army Tuesday took over responsibility for security in east Beirut from the predominantly Christian rightist militias that had ruled there since the 1975-76 civil war. But Antelias and some other outlying areas remained in militia hands.

The nearest Lebanese army post is three kilometres from the scene of the blast.

There was no immediate indication of who was behind the bombing or what the attack had been aimed at.

There have been two big car

bomb attacks within the last three weeks on Palestinian targets in Lebanon. On Jan. 28, a bomb demolished a Palestinian resistance movement headquarters in the eastern town of Shoura, in a Syrian-controlled area of Lebanon, killing about 30 people.

On Feb. 5, 20 people died when another bomb blew up outside the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) last working office in Beirut.

Israelis break roadblock

Meanwhile an Israeli patrol broke through a Lebanese army roadblock east of Beirut Wednesday morning.

The incident was the first reported between Israeli and Lebanese troops since the Lebanese army deployed in east Beirut.

An Israeli spokesman said the Lebanese set up a checkpoint at

Monte Verde, three kilometres east of Beirut, early Wednesday morning and tried to prevent a routine Israeli patrol passing. The patrol, commanded by a colonel, broke through the roadblock. There was no shooting and no one was injured.

The spokesman said the area was under the control of Israeli troops and Israel "has no intention of discontinuing its patrols, which are a routine part of the ongoing security measures in the area."

Tuesday, Israeli troops killed three Palestinian commandos who attacked an Israeli checkpoint at Monte Verde, which is on the only passable road from Beirut to

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Israel says Hezbollah militia will be integrated into Lebanese army, page 8

Iraq reports new flare-up on battlefield

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Wednesday that its troops had repulsed a fresh Iranian attack on the current Gulf war battlefield, along the border east of the Iraqi town of Amara.

A statement broadcast by Baghdad Radio did not say when the new attack took place. It said Iran lost some men killed or captured.

Iran claimed it smashed an Iraqi brigade the same day.

Correspondents taken to the Iraqi lines during the lull that followed found it difficult to establish the actual scale of the fighting or the numbers killed on either side.

Iraq has said 15,000 Iranians have died since the offensive started.

Neutral diplomats doubt whether Iran has the military strength to smash the defending Iraqi Fourth Corps and advance very far.

Sharon 'escaped double trap'

PARIS (R) — Former Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon was quoted in a French newspaper interview Wednesday as saying he had escaped the double trap of having to resign or be sacked.

Mr. Sharon was replaced as defence minister and made a minister without portfolio on Monday following the report of a judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacre of Palestinian refugees which called for his resignation.

The Paris daily Le Matin, the newspaper closest to the socialist government, reported him as saying: "From the start I had to avoid

the double trap that lay in wait for me: On the one hand, having to resign, and on the other being 'dismissed from my job.' "I succeeded. I didn't resign and I wasn't dismissed."

He said it had been a question of changing round cabinet posts. In his letter to Prime Minister Meachem Begin saying he would hand over the defence portfolio he did not offer to resign and specified he did not intend to leave the government.

The important thing, he told the newspaper, was that he was still in the government.

Hussein, Hassan and Qasem confer with West German minister

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Nadwa Palace Wednesday the visiting West German minister of state for foreign affairs, Jurgen Moellmann, who is also president of the Arab-German Friendship Society.

During the audience, they discussed Middle East developments and ways of bolstering Jordanian-West German cooperation and ties of friendship. The audience was attended by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

Earlier Wednesday, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan discussed with Mr. Moellmann the Middle East question in general, and the situation in the occupied Arab territories in particular.

They also discussed ways of further bolstering West German-Jordanian relations.

Mr. Moellmann arrived in Amman Tuesday for a visit expected to last several days and said upon arrival that his visit is aimed at discussing means of strengthening cooperation between

West Germany and Jordan and coordinating both countries' stands vis-a-vis world issues, particularly the Middle East question. He also praised His Majesty King Hussein's efforts for establishing a just and durable peace and stressed the West German government's deep appreciation for these efforts.

In reply to a question Mr. Moellmann denied that the forthcoming visit to Israel by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was to express support for Israel's policies. "This visit comes in the course of a tour Mr. Kohl will be making in the Middle East," Mr. Moellmann said.

Later, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem discussed with the West German visitor the region's problems and Israel's invasion of Lebanon which the minister said has "clearly revealed Israel's expansionist designs in Arab lands."

Mr. Qasem explained Jordan's efforts for helping "Lebanon to regain its full sovereignty and territorial integrity" and pointed out "the dangers threatening the Arab World because of Iran's continued aggression against Iraq."

Israeli minister promises to follow up inquiry report

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Justice Minister Moshe Nissim promised Wednesday that the government and army would correct the flaws in their decision-making process as demanded by the commission which probed the Beirut massacre.

Mr. Nissim was replying to three no-confidence motions in which opposition speakers demanded the government's resignation over the blunders uncovered by the commission.

The government was expected to narrowly defeat the motions in voting several hours later.

The commission scored the army and government for failing to keep each other informed and for not keeping records of conversations. It pointed to blockages in the communications pipeline that prevented early warnings of the massacre from reaching the decision-makers.

Mr. Nissim accused the opposition of showing "a great deal of selectivity in presenting the true conclusions of the commission."

He denied that the commission had held the government collectively responsible for the massacre, saying responsibility fell on

Rabin attacks government

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin charged that the government's conduct during the massacre was indicative of its handling of the entire war.

Mr. Rabin said his Labour Party felt obliged to present the motion, even though he knew the government's 64-56 majority in the house assured it of victory.

Two more motions, by the Communists and the centrist Shinui (change) party, also were before the Knesset (parliament).

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Turin pays last respects to victims of cinema disaster

TURIN, Italy (R) — President Sandro Pertini and several thousand citizens of Turin paid their last respects Wednesday to 64 people who died in the poisonous smoke of an unexplained cinema fire last Sunday.

Police said at least 25,000 people gathered in the central Piazza San Giovanni outside the city's 450-year-old cathedral as a funeral service was held there for the victims of the city's worst post-war disaster.

The coffins of 42 of the victims, decked with wreaths of roses, orchids, lilies and other flowers, covered the stone floor of the cathedral. The families of the dead

gathered around them in dignified, grief-stricken groups. Shops, cinemas and theatres were closed, and work stopped briefly in factories as this northern, industrial city fell silent in a show of respect. The blaze is still unexplained and the cinema manager faces charges of multiple manslaughter for failing to ensure that all the emergency exits functioned.

"Before us lie not only the remains of those who died and the beating hearts of those who grieve for them, but also this entire city," Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, archbishop of Turin, said in a homily broadcast to the thousands braving freezing temperatures in the square outside.

President Pertini sat, visibly moved, close to the altar, flanked by several government ministers. Gianni Agnelli, chairman of the Fiat car company which is based in Turin, was also present.

The families of 22 of the victims chose not to attend the service. Some had personal reasons, others rejected the city's offer because they had been angered by the apparently inadequate emergency facilities at the cinema.

Candlelight flicked over the wreaths and the mourners bowed and did not know where he was being held.

Curfew breakers are arrested and tried the same day, the source said. About 40 had been convicted and fined sums of up to 2,000 shekels (about \$55).

The Red Cross has visited the town twice since the curfew to check that residents had adequate food and medical services.

A Kiryat Arba leader said the settlers were not satisfied with the steps taken by the army to deter would-be stone throwers.

"They should throw them out to Jordan with their families and blow up their houses. That would soon put a stop to this business,"

Court okays Kohl's call for elections on March 6

KARLSRUHE, West Germany (R) — West Germany's federal constitutional court Wednesday cleared the way for a general election on March 6 and endorsed conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl's grounds for forcing an early poll.

The court, ruling by a margin of six to two, dismissed petitions from four deputies which argued that a dissolution of parliament was unconstitutional because Mr. Kohl's coalition still had a majority after losing a contrived vote of confidence on Dec. 17.

Presiding Judge Wolfgang Zeidler justified the verdict by pointing to the deep splits in Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic Party (FDP) caused by its change of coalition partners last autumn.

He said Mr. Kohl had good reason to believe when he sought elections in December that his alliance with the FDP might not last until the next regular poll in 1984.

DAHARIYA, West Bank (R) — Somebody threw a rock at an Israeli car as it drove through this small town on the occupied West Bank, fatally injuring 22-year-old Esther Ohana.

Dahariya has been sealed off and under military curfew ever since the attack took place three weeks ago.

On Tuesday some of its 8,000 residents told a Reuters correspondent, the first allowed by the Israeli army to visit the town, about life under curfew.

They said they had been ordered to stay in their homes day and night except for two hours every afternoon when they are allowed out to buy food. Men are forbidden to leave the town to go to work and the army has closed all schools.

"I have 10 children and I can't go to work to support them," one resident said. Like all the people of Dahariya, he requested anonymity.

The murder was a bad thing but why punish thousands of people for the act of one person, perhaps even a child? It is very unjust," he said.

Israeli military sources said the aim of the curfew was not to punish townspeople but to put pressure on them to cooperate with the authorities investigating the murder.

One military source said the system had proved successful, adding that the curfew would be lifted when the investigation had been concluded satisfactorily.

"We take this incident very seriously indeed," the source said.

"The ambush took place under cover of darkness and the assailant may have used a catapult. The stone went through the front windshield, hit the woman on the head and continued out through the back windshield."

It was the first fatality in stonethrowing attacks on Israeli vehicles. The source said injuries were fairly frequent in such ambushes and four Israelis had been hurt in Dahariya alone this year.

The killing sent a wave of anger through nearby Israeli settlements. On Monday night, about 60 settlers from Kiryat Arba, a few kilometres to the north, tried to storm into the town.

The army held them up at a roadblock for several hours but let them enter at daybreak with the approval of a high-ranking officer. The settlers prayed at the scene of the murder and then shouted threats in Arabic against the residents through two loudspeakers.

The military source said the army and security services had arrested about 100 residents during their investigation, of whom 30 were still detained.

He said the authorities could hold suspects for up to 18 days without charging them, bringing them to court or allowing them to see a lawyer.

One resident said he had been held at a detention camp near Nablus for a week before being released. He complained of being beaten with sticks on the first two days of his detention.

Another man said his brother was in detention. The family had not heard from him since his arrest

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FEATURES

Freedom of press: A threat to privacy in Britain

By Nicholas Phytian
Reuter

LONDON — Britain's popular newspapers have had their knuckles severely rapped over a 1981 scramble for news about mass-murderer Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper.

The Press Council, ethical watchdog of Britain's newspaper industry, strengthened its rules on Friday by banning chequebook journalism and condemned reporters who "ferociously and callously" harassed relatives of Sutcliffe and his victims.

In one of the most damning judgments of its 24-year history, the council told newspapers to stop paying criminals' families, friends or neighbours for stories — or run the risk of parliament clamping more legal restrictions on press freedom.

But the council's code of conduct is purely advisory and at least one of Fleet Street's scoop-hungry tabloids is unrepentant. The Daily Mail, singled out for the harshest criticism, said in an editorial that the new restrictions were impractical, undesirable and against the public interest.

It portrayed the ruling as a threat to the investigative freedom of the British Press, which already faces some of the world's tightest laws on libel and contempt of court.

Peter Sutcliffe was jailed for life in 1981 for brutally murdering 13 women in Northern England.

The frenzied scramble to buy exclusive stories from anyone connected with him led to a public outcry. Queen Elizabeth even made known her "sense of distaste" at the practice.

The Press Council, half its members journalists and half members of the public, stepped in at the request of Doreen Hill, mother of Sutcliffe's last victim, a 20-year-old student.

Its 70,000-word report, fruit of a two-year inquiry into press coverage of the case, concentrated on three areas: payment of what Mrs. Hill called blood-money for exclusive stories, harassment of relatives and Sutcliffe's chances of a fair trial.

The council reproduced scrawled notes furtively pressed on Sutcliffe's wife Sonia by reporters who offered between 50,000 sterling (\$75,000) and one million sterling (\$1.5 million) for her story.

It expressed its abhorrence and distaste that anyone connected with a criminal should profit from that connection, Mrs. Sutcliffe,

who steadfastly refused to sell her story, told the council how the mob of reporters outside her home was so vast that a food and hot drinks stand was set up.

"Hordes of reporters clambered one over the other banging at the door, window and letterbox, shamelessly yelling they would pay more than the next man or woman for my story," she said.

The council, which singled out six newspapers for criticism, condemned reporters for intruding on Mrs. Hill and on Mrs. Sutcliffe and her family. "The conduct of journalists immediately after Mrs. Hill's bereavement was a clear case of unwarranted intrusion into grief," it said.

The council also said that both police and newspapers had failed to respect the guiding principle of British law that a person is innocent until proved guilty.

It criticised the police for presenting the officers who arrested Sutcliffe as conquering heroes and for saying that the arrest marked the end of the ripper's reign of terror.

It said that most newspapers created the impression that Sutcliffe, even though he had not been charged, was beyond doubt the killer of 13 women. It described this as highly and inexcusably prejudicial and unfair.

The report touched a raw nerve in Fleet Street, shedding further light on some of the shadier practices of Britain's popular newspapers.

The Times, the newspaper of the British establishment, said in an editorial that the report should be greeted in a spirit of humility and self-criticism. The Guardian, another of Fleet Street's heavyweights, spoke of the council

uncovering a rare stench that could not be ignored or fudged away.

But those tabloids that bothered to comment on the report acknowledged that mistakes had been made, while arguing that these were the price of a free press in Britain.

The Daily Mirror, which escaped censure in the report, said that the new Press Council rules could work against the public interest by protecting people who should be exposed. The Press Council report is one of a series of developments that has turned the spotlight on the way Britain's newspapers try to boost sales by scooping their rivals.

The rustle of cheque books and the harassment that marked the ripper case are symptomatic of a bitter circulation war among Fleet

Street's mass-circulation dailies.

All but one saw their circulations slump in the second half of 1982. The exception was the Sun, Britain's top-selling daily, which built its reputation with comprehensive sports coverage and pictures of bare-breasted women.

The fight for readers has led some newspapers to side-step conventions on the privacy of public figures, in particular Britain's royal family, and bend rules governing reporting of crime stories.

Buckingham Palace has repeatedly rebuked the popular press for its coverage of Princess Diana, wife of the heir to the throne, Prince Charles, and has strongly criticised papers for suggesting she had the slimmers' disease, anorexia nervosa.

Britain's attorney-general has taken five national newspapers to court accusing them of publishing stories about Buckingham Palace intruder Michael Fagan that might have prejudiced his trial on charges of stealing a car.

But all of those newspapers that commented on the Press Council's ripper report were unanimous in saying that Fleet Street should be left to put its own house in order.

The Daily Star, Britain's newest daily, showed that it, for one, was prepared to do this when it confessed to hounding Britain's royal family and promised to mend its ways.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hill is giving Fleet Street a year or two to reform. She has threatened to ask parliament to act if chequebook journalism is still rampant by then.

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HOME NEWS

Nurses will graduate under Noor's patronage

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony will be held at the Palace of Culture Thursday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor for the graduation of three groups of nursing school students who specialised in general nursing and midwifery.

Speaking in an interview with the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, on the eve of the graduation, the headmistress of the nursing school, Samira Qumnuq, said that, despite the increase in the number of female students joining the Jordanian Nursing College (JNC) over the past few years, the number of graduates was not sufficient to staff the hospitals and medical centres in Jordan.

To overcome this shortage, the government has established our-

sing training centres in various regions of the country. Additionally the Health Ministry is considering reducing nurses' working hours from eight to six and, is currently re-examining the nurses' pay scale in order to make the profession more attractive, Miss Qumnuq said.

She said that the current school curricula is quite adequate for the job training required by general hospitals, but nevertheless a committee had recently been set up to develop the curricula to bring it in-line with that being taught at the University of Jordan's Nursing Faculty.

Since its establishment the JNC has turned out 1,024 nurses and midwives of whom 872 are now employed by the Health Ministry's hospitals, Miss Qumnuq said.

British team to advise on construction problems

AMMAN (Petra) — A British scientific team representing the Building Research Establishment (BRE) in Britain arrived in Amman Tuesday evening to take part in a seminar on construction methods on Jordanian clay soil. The seminar, organised by the Royal Scientific Society's Building Research Centre (BRC) will open at the Yarmouk Liaison Office in Amman Sunday Feb. 20.

During the two-day seminar, participants will discuss subjects

connected with the difficulties of building on such soil and the properties of clay soil. It will also study specific related problems such as the best way to repair cracked walls.

Nearly 120 delegates, experts and officials will attend the seminar, which will discuss three working papers presented by BRE and four from the BRC. These papers represent the results of joint research conducted by both sides over the past four years.

Board to discuss coming ALO meeting in March

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian private sector's participation in the Arab Labour Organisation's meeting in March will be discussed by the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Board here Thursday, according to the federation's President Hamdi Al Tabba.

He said that the March meeting, to be held in Amman, will be attended by representatives from both Arab and non-Arab coun-

tries' chambers of commerce. Also at the Thursday meeting arrangements for the federation's participation in a seminar to promote Arab exports to Western European countries will be discussed, Mr. Tabba's said. The seminar, he explained, will be held in Brussels sometime in April. Other seminars and conferences in which the federation will be represented include the Arab Economic Day which will be held in Paris next month, he said.

JD 18.8m World Bank loan for school building project gets cabinet O.K.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The cabinet Wednesday endorsed a loan agreement under which Jordan will receive JD 18.8 million from the World Bank to part finance a school building project to be undertaken by the Ministry of Education.

The project entails the construction of 15 vocational training schools to include living accommodation for the teaching staff. It will also see the building of boys' schools, each containing classrooms for preparatory and secondary level students, and boarding-facilities for half the students attending these schools.

The cabinet authorised Jordan's ambassador in Washington Abdul Hadi Al Majali to sign the agr-

reement on behalf of the Jordanian government.

The cabinet also approved a draft loan agreement with the Saudi Fund for Development. Under the agreement, Jordan will obtain 110 million Saudi riyals to finance the Aqaba thermal power station.

The cabinet authorised National Planning Council President Hanna Odeh to sign the agreement on behalf of the Jordanian Government. Also, at its regular meeting, the cabinet approved a request for the establishment of an Irbid Development Corporation which will be set up along the lines of those already established in Karak and Salt.

Swiss trade delegation to arrive Friday

AMMAN (Petra) — Swiss Ambassador to Jordan Andre-Louis Vallois Wednesday met Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour to discuss preparations for a visit to Jordan Friday by a Swiss economic delegation.

The delegation will discuss with Jordanian officials bilateral cooperation in implementing Jordanian development projects undertaken by both private and public sectors. Talks will also deal with ways of promoting bilateral economic relations, and increasing the volume of trade between the two countries.

Maltese seek closer links

AMMAN (Petra) — The Maltese Government has expressed its desire to establish close cooperation with Jordan in the educational, tourist, commercial and civil aviation fields. This message was contained in a memorandum which the Ministry of Transport received from the Jordanian embassy in Valetta.

U.S. mayors delegation to arrive in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of U.S. mayors are expected to arrive Saturday on a week-long visit to Jordan.

The U.S. delegation, which includes nine mayors accompanied by their spouses, were invited to Jordan by the Jordan Society, which was established by Her Majesty Queen Noor to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Jordan and the U.S.

This visit follows up an earlier tour made by a delegation from the U.S. Council of Churches, to Jordan.



Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour (Petra photo)

Road transport accord made with Swiss

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Government Wednesday announced its approval of the international road transport agreement which is to be signed with Switzerland. The agreement, which will be signed at a future as yet unfixed date, aims at facilitating the transportation of goods by road, the unrestricted exchange of national commodities as well as helping the passage of travellers and tourists between Jordan and Switzerland.

Jordan, Iraq commercial centres' trade volume set at JD 13m for 1983

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq have agreed to strengthen mutual economic cooperation, increase the volume of trade, execute a joint industrial integration programme and increase their cooperation in telecommunications and irrigation, according to a trade and economic protocol signed in Baghdad Tuesday evening.

The agreement was signed at the end of talks held in Baghdad by a Jordanian team led by Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and an Iraqi team led by Trade Minister Hassan Ali.

The two sides have agreed to fix the trade quota for their commercial centres operating in each

other's capital at JD 13 million each for 1983, in addition to the private trade between the two countries, Mr. Asfour said after the signing of the agreement.

He pointed out that last year each centre's quota had been JD 60 million.

Under the agreement Jordan

and Iraq will also establish a joint Jordanian-Iraqi company for industry with an initial capital JD 20 million, Mr. Asfour said. The two countries, he added, will also increase the volume of Jordanian agricultural exports to Iraq, and officials and experts from both sides will meet to discuss steps to be taken to bolster cooperation in irrigation and telecommunication services.

The Jordanian and Iraqi teams agreed to hold another meeting in the last quarter of this year to follow up the implementation of this agreement, Mr. Asfour said.

The minister and his accompanying team returned to Amman late Tuesday night.

Businessmen invited to Brussels Fair

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the Brussels International Fair which will open on March 19. The Amman Chamber of Industry received an invitation to participate in the 23-day fair and circulated the invitation to Jordanian businessmen and traders offering them the chance to participate in the fair.

The chamber asked that samples of Jordanian products be forwarded to the organisers of the fair well in advance of the opening date.

Stiff penalties announced for drug related offences

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court Wednesday announced the sentences passed against 12 people for drug trafficking offences. Fathi Abu Shabaneh and Ma'mouf Al Kurdi will be imprisoned for five years with hard labour and was ordered to pay a JD 500 fine. Jabr Al Farisi will be jailed for four years and have to pay JD 1,500 while Yusuf Fudeh will be set down for five years and pay a JD 500 fine. Mohammad Arab will be imprisoned for five years and have to pay JD 500, Mohammad Al Himsi will be

imprisoned for 15 years and be fined JD 3,000, Oqla Al Khalidi faces 15 years imprisonment and a JD 3,000 fine while Musa Al Ghneimat will be imprisoned for five years and have to pay JD 500. Also Abdul Razzaq Abu Al Ragheb will be imprisoned for seven years and ordered to pay JD 1,000, Ja'afar Abul Rahim will be imprisoned for seven years and fined JD 1,000, and Mohammad Khreisat will be imprisoned for six months and with a JD 50 fine. The military governor Wednesday endorsed these sentences.

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Arafat faces 'narrowed' options

Menachem Begin have ruled out talking to the PLO or setting up a Palestinian state.

PLO Political Department head Farouk Kaddoumi, in a statement to the PNC session Tuesday night, harshly criticised the Reagan plan which calls for Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Kaddoumi's hard-hitting address, which also implicitly criticised Mr. Arafat himself, was greeted with loud applause.

Sources close to the PLO leadership said the address was likely to form the basis of the draft proposals to the PNC, though the final wording has still to be hammered out.

Moderates want to temper the

PLO's refusal to join the U.S. initiative to show Washington they are ready for peace. As the major power in the region, the Americans are too important to be ignored, they argue.

But militants say the PLO has nothing to gain from an administration which has failed so far to get Israeli troops out of Lebanon—let alone the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mr. Kaddoumi recommended a rival peace plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state while implicitly granting Israel a measure of security within pre-1967 borders, as the minimum acceptable.

Hardliners, headed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of

Palestine (PFLP), were saying Wednesday on the third day of the PNC session, that even this Arab peace plan should be rejected. But it was not clear how far they would press their reservations.

Mr. Kaddoumi's statement aroused controversy among PNC members. One leading moderate described it as "lunatic and doctrinaire."

But PLO sources said it was unlikely that Mr. Kaddoumi would have compiled his report without Mr. Arafat's knowledge.

Mr. Arafat's aides say the mere convening of the PNC has been a victory for Palestinian unity. And the arrival of all eight PLO command groups was a victory for Mr. Arafat.

Car bomb kills 2 in east Beirut

Syrian-controlled eastern Lebanon.

Rightist demand

In the meantime, the commander of the main rightist militia in Lebanon, Fadi Frem, said his forces would continue to play a military role despite handing over security duties in east Beirut to the Lebanese army.

Mr. Frem, leader of the "Lebanese Forces" militia which stands charged by Israel with responsibility for the massacre of Palestinians last September, said: "Of course the fact that now it is the army which is in charge of east Beirut doesn't mean that there is no further military role for the Lebanese Forces."

"As long as there are foreign

armies on the soil of Lebanon, as long as the Lebanese army is not capable of assuming its natural role...we believe the reasons that were behind the creation of the Lebanese Forces as a military body still exist," he told a press conference.

The rightist militia forbade its men to move around the capital in uniform or to carry weapons, but retained control over part of Beirut's seaport and still imposes a variety of taxes on goods and services in east Beirut—its prime source of income.

Mr. Frem said the question of the port was linked to the future of all the other illegal ports in Lebanon and to the issue of Lebanese businessmen importing goods through Israel without paying dues to

the Lebanese government. This was being discussed with the Lebanese government, he said.

The commander expressed concern at recent moves in South Lebanon by a rival militia, the Israeli-backed units of Maj. Saad Haddad, which this week set up garrisons with tanks and armoured personnel carriers in two important towns.

He believed that Israel was using Maj. Haddad to prepare for the possibility that current negotiations on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon might fail.

Israel is demanding security arrangements in South Lebanon, including a limited presence of Israeli troops, as the price for withdrawing the bulk of its men.

Israeli minister promises to follow up report

Mr. Rabin said the findings of the commission that probed the September massacre had aroused "grave worry in my heart" about the conduct of the eight-month-old Lebanon invasion in general.

"Can we be sure what happened here, and was investigated and is therefore known to us, did not happen in other stages of our involvement?" he asked.

It was not clear whether Mr. Rabin was implying that other atrocities had been committed by Israel's Lebanese Falangist allies

during the war. He continued: "Did you know that this is how the war in Lebanon would develop when you took the decision to go in? Were these the results you expected? The length of the war? Its price?"

He said that in neither of the other wars initiated by Israel, in 1956 and 1967, was the gap between expectations and results so wide.

As parliament convened, Israeli newspapers reported secret feelers aimed at bringing Prime Minister Menachem Begin's Likud

bloc and the Labour Party together in a wall-to-wall "national unity government."

Yedioth Ahronoth said Interior Minister Yosef Burg, whose National Religious Party (NRP) is Mr. Begin's senior coalition partner, had initiated the feelers.

It said the idea was to give Labour Party leader Shimon Peres the post of deputy prime minister, and Mr. Rabin a top portfolio. Pressure has grown for such a government to heal the split in the nation over the massacre report and the ouster of Ariel Sharon.

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Dahariya schizophrenia

LONG indeed are Israel's democratic arms. First, a way was found to appoint a judicial commission to investigate the responsibility of the Israeli army in standing guard to those who were sheltering hundreds of Palestinian refugees in their Beirut camps last September. Now, none other than that army is in perfect "legal" shape to seal off thousands of Palestinians in a West Bank town for the past three weeks, ordering them to stay in their homes day and night except for two hours in the afternoon when they are allowed out to buy food.

Today, Israeli democracy is at its best of course. The judicial commission of Judge Hakeb has ruled that the Israeli army was perfectly entitled to enter west Beirut after the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel but that only the defence minister and a few officers bore indirect responsibility for the Sabra and Shatila massacres that followed. No doubt, the occupation of the West Bank is also for legitimate concerns about Israeli state security. And now, the three-week-old military curfew imposed on the town of Dahariya near Hebron is to teach the Arabs an unforgettable lesson that they cannot throw stones at trespassing Jewish settlers' vehicles and to punish him or her who injured, with a rock, an Israeli woman settler who died later in hospital.

Just where was the Israeli army when some-

body threw a grenade at peaceful Israeli demonstrators, killing one and injuring several others, outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's office last week? Why did not the lawyer-soldiers of the Israeli Defence Force seal off Jerusalem to find the criminal? Was it because he did not look or sound Arab, or because his identity bore the marks of the untouchable Gush Emunim gang?

But, again, not many Israelis will claim that their occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is democratic or should be. So, why the question? The answer is we do not know; but it seems that where we hear loud protests and cries of injustice, from the champions of human rights in the United States and Western Europe, against the detention of one or more political activists in the Soviet Union or Poland, we see not one iota of concern for the 8,000 residents of Dahariya who have been detained en masse for the past three weeks by the so-called protectors of democracy and human rights in the Middle East.

It is lucky that the Red Cross somehow knew about the town's three-week siege and visited its people twice since their ordeal began. We are also grateful that the 8,000 Palestinians still have some food to eat. What we cannot forget or forgive, however, is the double standards of the human rights champions around the world.

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Al Ra'i: PNC must respond to Jordanian-Palestinian moves

The current events in the occupied West Bank, particularly in Nablus and Dabirya represent a perfect example of Israel's inhuman practices against our kinsmen. This amounts to a bid to subdue them to the will of the occupying Zionist force.

At the same time our kinsmen's heroic resistance can only serve as a message to the Palestine National Council (PNC) now holding its sessions in Algiers. This message should be clearly heard and understood by the PLO leaders because of its substance and clarity. It represents a call for speedy action to save the occupied Arab land and liberate the Arab people from Israeli occupation.

Al Dustour: PNC meeting a success

The presence of so many delegates at the current Palestine National Council (PNC) meetings in Algiers and everyone's concern to maintain national unity free from all outside pressure is one of the PNC's successes so far.

Needless to say the PLO leader's speech has created the right conditions for the session's success, and presented to the world a picture of a Palestinian people that wants peace based on justice.

Sawt Al Shaab: Military option no longer available to PNC

The current Palestine National Council's session in Algiers has been characterised by positive thinking, and a commitment to independent decision-making and unity of action. This approach will free the Palestinian leaders from constraints and enable them to make responsible decisions.

The conference decisions should be purely a Palestinian affair, taking into consideration the sufferings of the Palestinian people and calls from

justice. This has no doubt foiled Israel's attempts to present the PLO to the world as a group of terrorists.

By extending its hand to the world asking for peace and justice, the PLO is making the superpowers face up to their responsibilities, and their duty to force Israel to recognise the Palestinian people's rights and to withdraw from all the Arab lands it now occupies.

within the occupied lands for help and action to save the land and liberate the people.

The military option which the Palestine Liberation Organisation adopted in Lebanon and the battles of Beirut is now no longer viable.

However there are other alternatives on the political scene that can ensure a liberation of the Arab land. Indeed the doors remain open for responsible and brave action to achieve our goals.

RED & BLACK

By Jawad Ahmad

Things are bad and economic

He did not have the chance to finish his education, and he turned into a maverick roaming the ground from one job to another. Years later he came across a bunch of his old schoolmates who were working on their high degrees at a respected university.

They gathered around him to ask about news from home. The midnight cowboy, baffled by the high-brow talk of his friends, wanted to impress them with his knowledge. "Things back home are bad," he said. In search of a slick word he added: "Bad and... and economic."

This seems to be each and everyone's impression of the economic situation prevailing in his own country. No-one seems to hesitate in taking very drastic and unabashed decisions to face the tough days lying ahead. It is this over-caution which is going to make the world economic situation even worse.

The new Brandt Commission Report (II) draws a very gloomy picture of the

world situation. This report, which may turn out to be a new sequel like the film Rocky, is widely accepted in Europe. However, it does not command any tangible popularity in the USA.

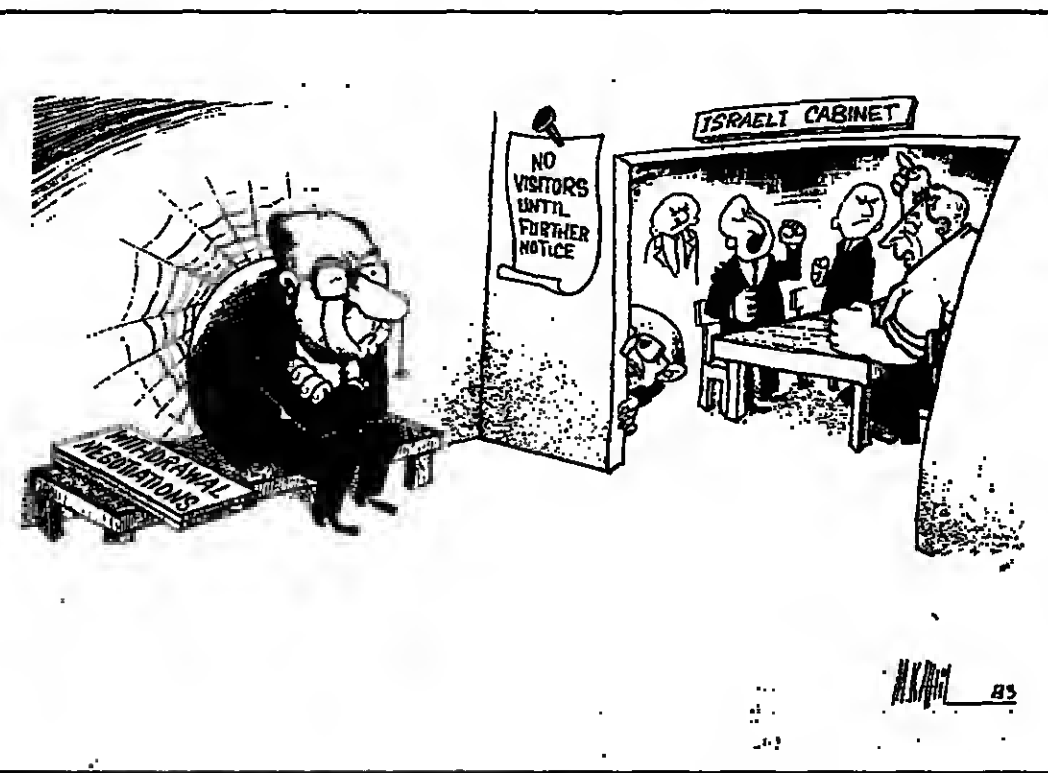
Moreover, the current meetings of the interim committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has probably succeeded in convincing the USA to allow a 48 per cent increase of the IMF capital (from \$66 billion up to almost \$95 billion). Poor and developing countries do not feel that this is enough. It is just a drop in the bucket.

IMF members from poor countries want a \$10 billion increase in the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs). These drawing rights give the international community a possibility to print money without a collateral. The SDRs are means to create payment means; they can not be used to settle payments directly. They are chips-not money. This scheme of increasing the SDRs is vie-

wed with skepticism by the rich countries.

The kind of international cooperation which was discussed at the Cancun Conference of 1981 and which led to an increase in the capital of the World Bank did not bring a great promise. At that conference (held in Mexico and attended by about 24 heads of states representing south and north), the concept of "global negotiations" was refused. Instead, the delegates agreed to be a *u p w o r l d* institutions—such as the IBRD (World Bank) and the IMF. Both of these institutions will exert a great deal of influence on the borrowing countries. They will be in a weak position vis-a-vis the lenders and contributors. However, neither one shall be able to give enough.

All the delegations to the many conferences held in order to recuperate the ailing world economy must now agree on one fact: Things back home are bad and... and economic.



Cheysson pays his first visit to Moscow

France mends fences with the Soviet Union

By Charles Bremner
 Reuter

PARIS — France takes a step towards mending fences with the Kremlin this week when External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson pays his first official visit to Moscow since President Francois Mitterrand took office in 1981.

Mr. Cheysson says Soviet policies over Afghanistan, Poland and nuclear arms rule out any restoration of "harmonious, intimate" relations, a reference to the privileged link forged by Pre-

the Socialist candidate combined with miscalculation prompted it to favour the outgoing president, Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Many hardliners from France's staunchly pro-Soviet Communist Party are thought to have heeded the Kremlin's advice and voted for Mr. Giscard in the run-off against Mr. Mitterrand.

After electoral defeat, the finding itself in the position of belonging to a French government more hostile to the Kremlin on East-West issues than any other for more than two decades.

French-based firms working on the Soviet natural gas pipeline through which France is due to receive substantial supplies.

Invoking national sovereignty, a watchword of French governments for the past 25 years, President Mitterrand argues that there is nothing wrong with pursuing healthy trade provided France does nothing to reinforce Soviet military potential. "No one, not even our best allies will stop us," Mr. Cheysson said last week.

Last year Moscow had a \$1.3

France came to play a pivotal role in Moscow's relations with the West after General de Gaulle withdrew from the NATO command in 1966 and distanced himself from the United States. With the emergence of detente and West Germany's Ostpolitik in the 1970s, the relationship faded under the presidencies of Georges Pompidou and Mr. Giscard until Mr. Mitterrand declared on taking office that he would abandon the tradition of annual Franco-Soviet summits while Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan.

Possible summit
 Mr. Mitterrand says the time is still not right but officials in Paris do not rule out the possibility of a summit with the Kremlin's new leader Yuri Andropov, before the end of the year.

With the military clampdown in Poland on Dec. 13, 1981 he virtually froze relations, accusing Moscow of orchestrating events there and tracing the Polish crisis to the East bloc Communist system as a whole.

Mr. Mitterrand also spoke out against Soviet human rights policies and aligned France firmly behind the NATO decision to deploy new intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe to counter a build-up of new Soviet weapons. Diplomats say any Franco-Soviet rapprochement would be helped by a solution at the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on the medium-range missiles. Mr. Mitterrand has made a strong distinction between political ties and economic and other relations with Moscow. That policy brought him into sharp conflict with Washington last year when President Reagan imposed sanctions on two



Mr. Andropov



M. Mitterrand

sident Charles de Gaulle.

The minister's aides are playing down the implication of his five-day trip, which began on Wednesday, commenting that he has met Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko four times in different parts of the world.

But diplomats view the visit as a gesture of willingness by the French Socialist government to restore a level of political dialogue, broken off on Mr. Mitterrand's election in May 1981. They say the Soviet Union is far from writing off President Mitterrand and sees a potential for rapprochement with his administration.

Soviet relations with the Mitterrand administration got off to a bad start from the moment of the 1981 election because the Kremlin's long-standing suspicion of

Lack of modern equipment big problem for Turkey's army

By Hugh Carnegie
 Reuter

AGRI, Turkey — As Western Europe argues over the proposed deployment of the latest in nuclear weapons, Turkey is defending one of the NATO alliance's two borders with the Soviet Union with badly outdated equipment.

Weapons of World War II vintage were used by the Turkish army in a big winter exercise near the Soviet border last week while U.S. Vice President George Bush toured Europe to drum up support for deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.

The white-washed tanks churning across majestic, snow-bound terrain near Agri, some 60 kilometres from the frontier, were American M-47s, a design first produced in 1943. Their 99 mm cannon had still not been replaced by the 105 mm guns NATO and Turkish officers say they need.

There were no specialised assault helicopters, only limited ground-to-air missiles and just eight Milan tow wire-guided anti-tank missiles — all regular NATO

4,100 men, cost 97 million Turkish lira (\$500,000) and took place among the sweeping valleys and towering mountains that characterise this remote area of eastern Turkey which has a long history of conflict.

Czarist, and later Bolshevik forces occupied Agri four times between 1829 and 1918 in a series of fierce wars.

At this time of year, the ground is covered with 30 to 50 centimetres of snow and temperatures plunge as low as 35 degrees centigrade below zero, making conditions miserable for soldiers and civilians alike.

The showpiece manoeuvre of the exercise, an armoured assault repulsed by counter-attack involving tanks, fighter planes, helicopters and ski-commandos, had to be called off because of fog, disappointing president and chief of staff General Kenan Evren who had come to watch.

General Evren, accompanied by his four colleagues in the ruling National Security Council who together mounted Turkey's bloodless military coup in 1980, instead inspected ski-troops and temporary installations built for the exercise.

Many of the latter were impressive ice-houses used for everything from artillery emplacements to sleeping quarters. One extensive ice and tent complex was a field hospital housing an operating theatre where a man was having his leg treated. It had wards heated by stoves to combat the cold and a comfortable room temperature and a dentist's surgery set up in an igloo. Although the final manoeuvre was cancelled, Turkish officers said the exercise as a whole had been a success.

Valuable opportunity

But NATO observers said the final manoeuvre would have been a valuable opportunity to assess the forces taking part.

Some Western military sources said Turkish manoeuvres tended to be over-rehearsed and, although logistically successful, did not test the soldiers as NATO war games are meant to. "I'm afraid some of the thinking is also out of date," said one source who cited as an example the shortage of north-south roads in the Soviet border region which he said would hamper a swift transfer of men and equipment.

In the meantime, NATO efforts go on to beef up the Turkish forces. The tale of outdated weapons and equipment extends to all branches of the military and Turkey frequently appeals to its allies for increased aid to remedy the problems. The main military aid donor, the U.S., promises to provide \$468 million this year in assistance. President Egan increased this to 759 million in his 1984 budget proposal.

For the army, old M-47 and M-48 tanks are gradually being refitted with 105 mm guns and new diesel engines. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, more than half of the 70 West German Leopard tanks on order have been delivered. Several thousand anti-tank missiles and 27 general purpose Bell helicopters are on order.



Gen. Evren

equipment for countering armoured attack — among 250 artillery pieces in action. Out of over 400 vehicles involved in the exercise, only eight were specialised over-snow machines, and some of these were 15-year-old snowmobiles.

"The lack of modern equipment is the biggest problem up here," said one U.S. officer observing the manoeuvres, "and you have to remember there is a Soviet army headquarters within 10 miles of the border commanding five divisions."

Defending the 400 kilometres border, NATO's only frontier with the Soviet Union apart from that in northern Norway, is the task of the Turkish third army, which named last week's exercise after one of its former commanders, General Kurtcebe Noyan.

Large Army

Turkey has the largest standing army in NATO after the United States. Its 470,000 men, of whom 420,000 are conscripts, are divided into four armies, the second largest of them here near the Soviet border. The largest, the first army, defends the Bulgarian border, where NATO sees the greatest threat of attack by Warsaw pact forces out to capture the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles straits.

Kurtcebe Noyan-83 involved

LETTERS

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 If it happened to YOU What would you do or say?

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SPORTS

China invites Taiwan's athletes to train together for Olympics

PEKING (Agencies) — The Chairman of China's Olympic Committee has invited Taiwanese athletes to train together with its own athletes for the Olympic Games to be held in 1984 in Los Angeles, New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Wednesday.

NCNA said that Zhong Shitong, who is also chairman of the Chinese Sports Federation, made the invitation in a letter of spring festival greetings to mark the Chinese New Year.

He invited the Taiwanese sportsmen to "join forces with mainland athletes for the full blossoming of Chinese sports at a time when it shows such great promise of revitalisation."

NCNA said that Mr. Zhong also repeated Peking's invitation to Taiwanese athletes to take part in the China's fifth national games to

be held this year in Shanghai.

China rejoined the international Olympic movement in 1979 after an International Olympic Committee (IOC) vote banning Taiwan representatives from continuing to use the name "Republic of China."

Taiwan finally fell in line with the IOC decision by agreeing to stay in the International Olympic movement as the "Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee."

China says that Taiwan is an integral part of Chinese territory and that the Peking government is the sole representative of the Chinese people.

Despite rejoining the Olympic movement, China did not take part in the last Olympic games, held in Moscow in 1980, as a protest at the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan the previous year.

Liverpool, United look set to meet in League Cup final

LONDON (R) — Despite two surprising results Tuesday night, Liverpool and Manchester United still seem set to clash in the English Football League Cup final at Wembley next month.

Liverpool ensured their place in the March 26 final despite a rare loss. The runaway League leaders went down 1-0 to Burnley, but after their 3-0 triumph in the first leg at home a week ago, they could afford a defeat in the rematch Tuesday night.

Manchester United, meanwhile, went a long way towards earning a place against Liverpool by blasting Arsenal 4-2 in London, and even though they conceded two late goals they should still wrap up the tie at home next Wednesday.

Liverpool's loss was their first in 15 matches and came on a Derek Scott goal after 54 minutes as Burnley refused to be cowed by the prospect of overturning the deficit.

Though they ultimately failed to do so, they will have delighted 20,000 home fans who turned out to watch them. They should have

had a second and threw everything into a final assault which forced several excellent saves from Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar.

United and Arsenal have a recent history of scoreless draws and the visitors have not won at Highbury for 15 years, but they put all that behind them Tuesday night.

They wasted no time going on the attack and constant pressure on the Arsenal goal saw them rewarded when Norman Whiteside scored after 19 minutes with a superb shot.

Frank Stapleton, formerly of Arsenal, made it 2-0 two minutes before the half, with Whiteside playing a prominent part in the buildup, and Steve Coppell added a pair in the 61st and 67th minutes.

Tony Woodcock and Peter Nicholas salvaged some respectability for Arsenal in the last eight minutes, but they will have a lot more to do next week in Manchester.

In the only first division match Tuesday night, Southampton defeated Notts County 2-1 in Nottingham.

Austin has trouble beating White

CHICAGO (R) — Third-seeded Tracy Austin had to struggle, but she managed to defeat Wendy White, 6-4, 6-3, in the first round of a \$150,000 tennis tournament here Tuesday night.

Martina Navratilova, seeded first, eliminated Ann Kijomura, 6-1, 6-3, while fourth-seed Pam Shriver defeated South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak, 6-4, 6-0. Sixth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany beat Kathy Jordan, 6-4, 6-2.

Austin, 20, plagued by back problems for nearly two years before finding a cure six months

ago, jumped into a 5-0 lead in 15 minutes, only to see it disappear as White won four straight games. Austin hung on to take with the set.

But things soon became difficult again for Austin in the second set, with White taking a 2-0 lead. Austin levelled the score and then went ahead, 4-2, before White held serve to make it 4-3. Austin took the next two games for the match.

"She played real well," Austin said of her opponent. "She doesn't make any errors. She makes you concentrate all the time."

Barcelona on top without their stars

MADRID (R) — Spain's flashiest football club Barcelona had to wait until they lost both their star players to reach the top of the Spanish League.

Not only did they lose \$8.8 million Argentine superstar Diego Maradona with hepatitis eight weeks ago, but they also had West German international Bernd Schuster suspended last week for three matches after arguing with a referee.

Yet last weekend, minus their costly imports, Barcelona took over at the top of the First Division, overhauling arch-rivals Real Madrid after 22 League games.

They won again two nights ago, beating Malaga 2-1 to keep the lead on goal average ahead of Real and Athletic Bilbao. All have 35 points and 10 games each left to play.

Barcelona were stuck in third place for most of the season despite a spectacular 2-0 away win against Real Madrid in November.

They have not won the Spanish League title since 1974, the season they bought magical Dutch player Johan Cruyff for a world record fee.

Arguello renounces title to step up to heavier weight

MEXICO CITY (R) — World Boxing Council lightweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua has renounced his title to step up to a heavier weight division, the WBC announced here Wednesday.

Arguello was scheduled to meet Vilomar Fernandez of the Dominican Republic in a non-title lightweight bout this month. But he said in a letter to the WBC in which he pulled out of that bout

Real Madrid have picked up the League trophy five times since Barcelona's last triumph, while Real Sociedad slipped in to clinch the title for the second year in a row last season when Barcelona threw it away after it looked as good as won.

But despite the dearth of trophies, the multi-millionaire Catalans have never been out of the limelight. Squabbles, rumours and big spending have kept public attention focused on a club accused of trying to buy their way to success.

They won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1979 and last year but made few friends with the brutally uncompromising approach they exhibited—most recently in their "Supercup" defeat by English European Champions Aston Villa last month.

In his five seasons as club president, Jose Luis Nunez has been through six managers in Barcelona's obsessive quest for success. The contract of West German incumbent Udo Lattek ends in June and club sources say there is very little chance it will be renewed.

Lattek has had to live for



Maradona... out of action

months with rumours that Cesar Luis Menotti who led Argentina to triumph in the 1978 World Cup, was about to replace him—cause for the latest friction between the manager and his bosses.

Nunez's top priority is winning the League title and there seems to be no limit to the amount of money available to secure his ambition. He has spent \$12 billion pesos (about \$12 million) on buying players—most of it on Maradona.

With the most expensive items on the team inventory off the field, Barcelona played fast, exhilarating football in their 3-0 win over local rivals Espanol last Sunday.

The players emerged from the shadow of Maradona and Schuster and played with initiative and relaxed confidence. If they perform that way again without Schuster, Lattek may have to rethink his strategy.

As the tussle for the championship heats up, fans are looking forward to the return clash between Barcelona and Real Madrid on March 27. With only four more League matches after that, it could prove decisive.

S.T. Gordon makes 1st defence of title

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (R) — S.T. Gordon makes the first defence of his World Boxing Council cruiserweight title when he meets 37-year-old fellow-American Jesse Burnett at the Meadowlands arena here Wednesday night.

The scheduled 12-round bout will be the first title fight ever held at Meadowlands, across the Hudson River from Manhattan.

Gordon, 23, has won 11 straight fights, 10 by knockout. He won the 195-pound WBC title when he knocked out Carlos DeLeon of Puerto Rico in the second round last June 17. His overall record is 22-5 record with 20 knockouts. Burnett has won 23 bouts, lost 14 and fought two draws, with 10 knockouts.

New French soccer club launches campaign to promote its image

PARIS (R) — A new French soccer club nursing high European ambitions has taken the unprecedented step of launching an advertising campaign to help promote its image.

Second division Racing Paris 1 has splashed posters on 2,500 prime spots in the Paris area in a two-week drive to attract attention.

Their slogan is simple: "Win and convince" (vaincre et convaincre). They are the first club in French soccer history to resort to such a campaign.

"Our aim is clear: To make ourselves known but, above all, to win promotion to the first division as soon as possible and give Paris a second major team along with Paris Saint-Germain," managing director Serge Guyot told Reuters.

Paris Saint-Germain, the French Cup holders and the first successful Parisian team since the early 1960s, line up in the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup next month and are pushing for a place for the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup next season.

Paris Racing 1 was formed a few months ago on the ruins of the defunct Paris football club and bears one of the most prestigious names in French sport—the Racing Club de France, which celebrated its centenary last year.

The club, which has an annual budget of eight million francs (\$1.16m) is the brainchild of Jean-Luc Lagardere, one of the country's most successful businessmen, who Guyot said wanted to build "a team worthy of Paris."

Home for the team is France's biggest stadium, the recently-renovated 60,000-seat Stade de Colombes in the western outskirts of Paris.

But it could share the Parc des Princes with Paris Saint-Germain next year, Guyot said.

"With an average of only 2,000 spectators this season, we can't afford to remain in the second division. Although Lagardere and his group are ready to spend a lot of money, they obviously expect results, the only way to become crowd-pullers," he said.

Racing Paris 1 is currently fourth in the second division, five points behind leaders Rennes.

But the advertising campaign is no gimmick, Guyot stressed. "There is no reason why you shouldn't promote a soccer club like any other commercial item," he argued.

Although club officials were reluctant to give a figure, advertising experts reckon such a campaign could cost around 800,000 francs (\$160,000).

"We hope this campaign will become a landmark because it is our ambition to be innovative, using today's sophisticated means of communication and shake up the somewhat rigid habits of the French soccer world," he said.

The club, with a pool of 16 players and no recognised star, has recruited trainer Alain de Martigny, who helped manager Michel Hidalgo take France to fourth place in last year's World Cup finals.

Guyot is full of praise for Martigny, who he calls "one of the best in this country."

Guyot believes in his product, predicting the club will play in the first division within three years, and make its mark in Europe soon afterwards.

Hooper's rocket-serves oust Kriek from U.S. indoor tennis

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (R) — Chip Hooper continued his awesome serving, coming up with 14 aces to beat defending champion Johan Kriek, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Tuesday.

The unseeded Hooper also used his rocket-serves to get 22 aces in his first-round match against Marcos Hocevar of Brazil on Monday. Kriek was able to break Hooper's serve in the second game of the match after losing his own, but that was as close as he came for the remainder of the 85-minute match.

In the final set, Kriek was able to reach deuce for the only time in the last game.

Hooper got the decisive service break in the seventh game of the first set and in the ninth game in the second set.

"Everybody knows that I can serve really big, but running around the court and keeping the ball in play 10 times I think maybe upset the guys a little bit," Hooper said.

Also in the second round top-seeded Jimmy Connors saved two setpoints and won the last five games to beat Tim Wilkison, 6-3, 7-5.

In the second set the acrobatic Wilkison had Connors 2-5 down with a double setpoint at 15-40. But Wilkison missed the first setpoint on a backhand shot and then Connors got a cross-court winner to escape and pull the match his way again.

It took a questionable call in the ninth game to seal Wilkison's downfall. The score was deuce when Wilkison served an apparent ace to Connors' forehand and caught him flatfooted, but the ball

was called wide.

Clearly upset by this call, Wilkison double-faulted and then lost his serve as Connors hit a forehand return winner.

Connors won 12 of the last 13 points, clinching the match with two successive love games.

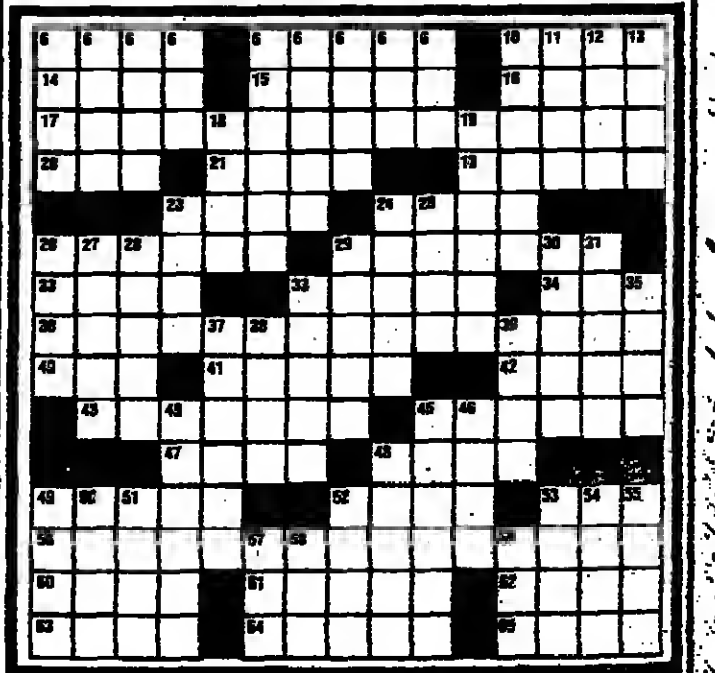
In other second-round play, Paul McNamee of Australia beat

13th-seeded Jimmy Arias, 6-1,

6-1; Henri Lecotte of France, despite spraining his ankle in the second set, beat 16th-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; 12th-seeded Sandy Mayer beat Vijay Amritraj of India, 6-0, 6-1; and 14th-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat Robert Van't Hoff, 6-2, 6-1.

THE Daily Crossword by June J. Bortl

ACROSS	26 Ancient center of Greek culture	49 Movie statuette	24 Attempts
1 Snare	29 Orchestrate	52 Date	25 OPEC man
5 Rogers	32 Forehead	53 Felts	26 French cleric
10 Cuthbert	33 Oriental	56 Faithless	27 Hobo
14 Ancient writing	34 Maltre	60 Huron or	28 Temporary residence
15 More pleasant	35 Have (be loc)	61 Initiates	29 Lev
16 Nastase	40 Under dial	62 Zone	30 Fishing hooks
17 Very self	41 Storms	63 Candid	31 White-plumed bird
18 fish person	42 Southwest	64 Pastime	32 Book of maps
20 Deane	43 Of the sole	65 Before gas or jerker	35 "Jane —"
21 Roman	44 Of the foot	DOWN	37 Neglect
22 Gaucho's rope	45 "Valse —"	1 Silver	38 Alliance
23 Consecrated	46 Courts	2 Discour	39 acronym
24 Mexican sandwich	47 Toward the mouth	3 Presently	40 "Best —"
		4 Square —	41 Arouse
		5 In a round hole	42 Most accurate
		6 Chronicles	46 Chimed
		7 Simple song	48 Different
		8 Resound	49 European capital
		9 Robt. E. —	50 Easy task for war into a hard mass
		10 Prepare	51 Cruising
		11 Aquatic plant	52 French town
		12 Scarsdale —	53 Concern
		13 Antitoxins	54 Cruising
		14 Sacred image	55 Autocrat
		15 Hidden	57 Tax agency initials
		23 Chops	58 Pinch
			59 Squealer



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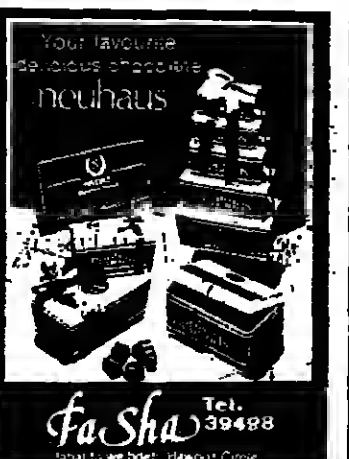
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ECONOMY

European Commission favours summit of Mediterranean states

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Commission is in favour of a summit conference of Western Mediterranean states that would concentrate on problems raised by enlarging the European Community, commission officials said Wednesday.

President François Mitterrand of France, concerned by the repercussions for Southern Europe of entry by Spain and Portugal into the Community, proposed the idea of a Mediterranean littoral summit while on a visit to Morocco last month. It has not been decided which countries should attend.

The officials said such a meeting would be one step in helping to ease strains on all Mediterranean countries whose exports of fruits and vegetables to the Community would largely be replaced by the same products from Spain and Portugal.

The commission is holding talks with those countries, mainly Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Malta and Cyprus, in parallel with negotiations on Spanish and Portuguese entry, as requested by the 10 Common Market foreign ministers last month.

A spokesman said commission vice-president Mr. Lorenzo Natali is in Egypt to discuss the problem. Tuesday, Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani and Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Moran said they favoured the summit.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities drifted lower through lack of support ahead of the account-end with most interest seen in the new Associated British ports issue, dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Wednesday was down 9.2 at 652.7.

Associated British Ports opened at 129 and in heavy trading advanced to 138, a premium of 26p on the issue price.

Government bonds fluctuated throughout the session before closing around 1/4 point higher as sterling firmed slightly and the market reacted favourably to early comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, in his congressional testimony, dealers said.

Banks recovered towards the close with Natwest off 1p at 515 after \$10 following reports that London banking sources do not think that it is planning an early rights issue. Oils edged off the lows with B.P. unchanged on balance at 322.

Beecham was down 5p at 368 after 365 on news it is to close various distilleries. In stores, UDS was down 1p at 109 after Tuesday's increased bid offer from Bassishaw, and Burton fell 1p at 319 on fears the retail chain deal with UDS may collapse.

Leading industrials recovered slightly in late trading with ICI off 2p at 392 after 386 and Lucas down 1p at 148 after 147. Gold shares turned mixed despite the firmness of bullion.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.5378/88	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2257/54	Canadian dollars
	2.4085/95	West German marks
	2.6580/90	Dutch guilders
	1.9960/80	Swiss francs
	47.33/37	Belgian francs
	6.8280/8330	French francs
	1386.00/1387.00	Italian lire
	234.75/90	Japanese yen
	7.3955/75	Swedish crowns
	7.0695/0715	Norwegian crowns
	8.5225/50	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	506.00/507.00	U.S. dollars

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shultz urges private banks to lend

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Tuesday a steep drop in private bank lending to countries with high debt would imperil their recovery and retard world economic expansion. He said estimates for the second half of last year showed a precipitous drop in new lending. He gave no precise figures.

UAE has highest per capita income

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — The United Arab Emirates has the highest per capita income in the world at \$30,070, according to the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau. Last year the UAE was one of the few oil-producing countries with a balance of payments surplus, despite falling oil prices.

U.K. expected to cut oil price

LONDON (R) — Britain is expected to cut the price of its North Sea oil on Friday in the first such move by a major producer in the present oil glut crisis, industry sources said Tuesday.

Senior Polish bankers resign

WARSAW (R) — A second senior official of Poland's Bank Handlowy has resigned, banking sources said Tuesday. They said Mr. Jan Woloszyn, the vice president who has played a key personal role in renegotiating Poland's huge foreign debts, was leaving the bank Wednesday with the president, Mr. Stanislaw Kobak, whose departure was revealed earlier.

More U.S. firms cut oil price

NEW YORK (R) — Two more U.S. oil companies Tuesday cut by \$1 a barrel the price they pay for domestic crude oil. Marathon Oil in Findlay, Ohio, and Ashland Oil in Ashland, Kentucky, matched the cuts announced by Texaco, Phillips Petroleum and other U.S. companies.

Turkey remodels gold price setting

ANKARA (R) — Turkey Tuesday changed the method of setting its official gold price, apparently opening the way for a reduction in Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits transit fees which were raised tenfold last November.

Qatar to extend compost plant

Doha (OPECNA) — A Swiss firm has been contracted to help expand the Qatar compost plant, increasing its production capacity to 300 tonnes of fertilizer daily by the end of the year. Also planned is a \$2 million facility for compressing and transporting solid refuse used as feedstock for compost. A British company is expected to complete this project by next August.

FAO helps Saudi fisheries project

JEDDAH (OPECNA) — The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is helping in a Saudi fish-breeding project to improve commercial exploitation of the kingdom's fisheries resources.

Democrats angers White House

WASHINGTON (R) — Democratic congressional leaders have angered the White House by leaking details of the Reagan administration's plans for a \$7.5 billion emergency jobs, food and shelter assistance programme. Opposition party leaders briefed reporters on the proposal, which administration officials presented to them at a secret meeting last week.

Oman denies bid to sell oil below official price

BAHRAIN (R) — Oman Wednesday denied that it was offering to sell its oil below the official price of just over \$34 a barrel.

An Omani oil ministry spokesman told Reuters by telephone from Muscat that reports that the sultanate appeared to be offering a \$4 discount on the official price were wrong.

Informed oil industry sources in the Gulf said Tuesday that Oman had reopened talks with its oil company customers on cutting the price of its crude.

They added Wednesday that negotiations were continuing. Oman wanted a fixed price for the whole of 1983 but the customers were reluctant to become locked into a level that might appear high later in the year, they said.

Gulf oil ministers are widely expected to meet soon to devise a strategy for dealing with the world glut that the industry believes will include a \$4 cut in prices.

In Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Finance Minister Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid was quoted Wednesday as saying that if the oil crisis continued it would bring down the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The continuation of the oil crisis and the absence of a unified production and pricing policy will lead to OPEC's disintegration," he told the newspaper Al Bayan,

adding that the problem would last for at least another six months. He said he did not expect the UAE's 1983 budget to be seriously affected by falling oil revenue.

The effects were still manageable and it was unlikely that the country would introduce income tax.

The time had come for the UAE to review its foreign aid programme, he said.

The real cause of the problem was that some OPEC members had in the past produced three times more oil than necessary and this had raised the level of world oil stocks, he added.

A leading Abu Dhabi newspaper Wednesday blamed the United States for the oil crisis and urged the Arabs quickly to withdraw investments from American banks before the oil market collapses.

Al Wahda daily said the United States had planned to make the oil producers dependent on American aid as they were before oil was discovered.

"The crisis has almost reached the point of a catastrophe, with no oil state being able to pursue its development plans. As a remedy, deposits and investments in big American banks should be withdrawn and reinvested locally, with greater security and profitability," Al Wahda said.

China plans to launch communications satellite

PEKING (R) — China plans to launch its first communications satellite this year in a major boost for its space programme, the People's Daily reported Wednesday.

The official newspaper said the main purpose of the satellite would be to gain experience and gather data, as well as to perform experiments in telephone communications and radio and television broadcasting.

Industry sources said the satellite would also have important military applications, as if successful it could enormously improve communications between China's far-flung army units.

The People's Daily said in a two-sentence announcement that the satellite would remain in a fixed position relative to the earth at 70 degrees east above the Equator—over the Indian Ocean. It gave no date for the launching.

China has launched 12 satellites into space since 1970, all involving much less sophisticated technology than a communications satellite.

Industry sources said China had been considering buying a \$200 million satellite communications system from the United States, but these plans had since been shelved because of economic cutbacks as well as political problems in transferring such advanced technology to a communist country.

But they said China had obtained detailed technical information on the satellite from the U.S. during the negotiations, and Chinese scientists had no doubt used this in designing their own system.

Last July China announced that it was developing a launch vehicle aimed at putting satellites into orbit or sending a large-scale rocket into space.

Diplomatic sources said the three-stage CZ-3 vehicle would be powered by liquid propellant and would probably use similar technology to the intercontinental ballistic missiles China has already launched.

Industry sources said use of a satellite would give a powerful boost to military communications which are at present extremely primitive.

Soviet economy shows progress

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union published key economic indicators Wednesday which showed a marked increase in productivity and output last month compared with January last year.

Western economic analysts here said a vigorous efficiency drive by Soviet leader Mr. Yuri Andropov might have been translated into concrete results but they also said last year's figures could have been unusually high.

The figures were contained in a monthly report on industrial production in the weekly Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, which said industrial output had increased by 6.3 per cent and labour productivity by 5.5 per cent in January compared with the same period last year.

The figures failed to appear in last year's January report on the Soviet economy, which also omitted comparisons with January 1981.

The report published by the Soviet central statistics board said the plan for the first month of 1983 had been fulfilled by 101 per cent and detailed figures showed slight increases in output in a range of industries.

Steel production rose to 13 million tonnes from 12.4 million in the same period last year.

Oil production increased slightly to 12.65 million barrels per day (b/d) from 12.36 million (b/d) and gas output increased to 46.2 billion cubic metres from 42.6 billion in the same month last year.

Electric power output increased to 132 billion kwh from 129 billion and coal production rose to 61.8 million tonnes from 61.7 million.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A wonderful day to make an advancement in career activities, but be sure not to force your will on others. You can easily extend your ideas beyond present boundaries now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Extend your interests so you can gain more profits in the future. Be less demanding of family members. Express happiness.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take the right steps to improve your financial position. A new project needs more study before going ahead with it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule your activities wisely so you get maximum use of your time. Be sure to use extreme caution in motion today.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now understand how to improve your financial position so don't waste valuable time.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Go after your finest personal aims and you can easily gain them. Sidestep a foe who could spoil your happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your ambitions well now and don't confide in others. Show more affection for mate. More benefits can come now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Go after personal aims with more enthusiasm and effort and you can easily gain them. Be alert at all times today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are now able to get the backing you need from a higher-up. Be sure to keep promises you've made to friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can make a good impression on others by showing you are honest and decent. Relax at home tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more objective in dealing with others where business matters are concerned or you could jeopardize your security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to keep the promises made to family members. Come to a better accord with associates. Think constructively.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Go after your aims in a positive manner and get excellent results. Contact loyal friends who can be helpful to you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be capable of comprehending a great deal of knowledge, so give the finest education you can afford and there can be much success. Don't neglect religious tenets that are important to a good way of life.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 18, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day and evening for you to rely more upon your prophetic insight. Advancement can now be gained by looking into activities that have not been part of your life.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your success can be increased if you seek the guidance of experience persons. Exercise extreme caution in travel.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You know exactly how to make a better impression on the one you love, so follow through on such. Don't neglect duties.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Formulate a plan whereby you can ascertain what your true position is with associates. Cooperate more with co-workers.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take care of routine tasks that need doing instead of procrastinating. Take time to improve your appearance.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) If you study the details concerning entertainment plans you have, you can be successful with them later. Use common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Gain the views of family members and then make your home more comfortable. Happiness can be yours for the asking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to entertain friends today after your work is done and have a delightful time. Plan your activities wisely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are in need of more income now and will be inspired just how to get it. Consult an expert before making any decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan for tomorrow's activity during spare time today. Attending a social affair tonight can be beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Coordinate new ideas with the plans you have in mind. Help good friends who in turn can be of service to you.

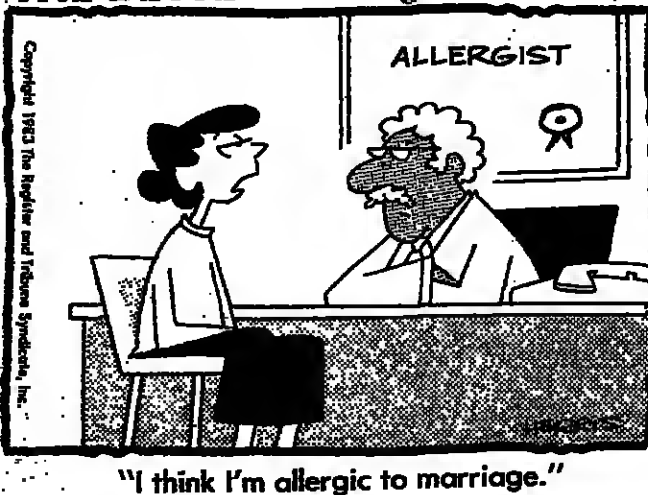
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you show good friends that you value the alliance, you will gain their loyalty. Show increased devotion to loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put aside personal matters and handle civic affairs in a most efficient way. A quiet and restful evening is best for you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have many good ideas developing early in life. It is wise to plan a fine education that will include the study of foreign language and philosophy. There is likely to be much travel in foreign countries in this chart.

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THE BETTER HALF By Harris



"I think I'm allergic to marriage."

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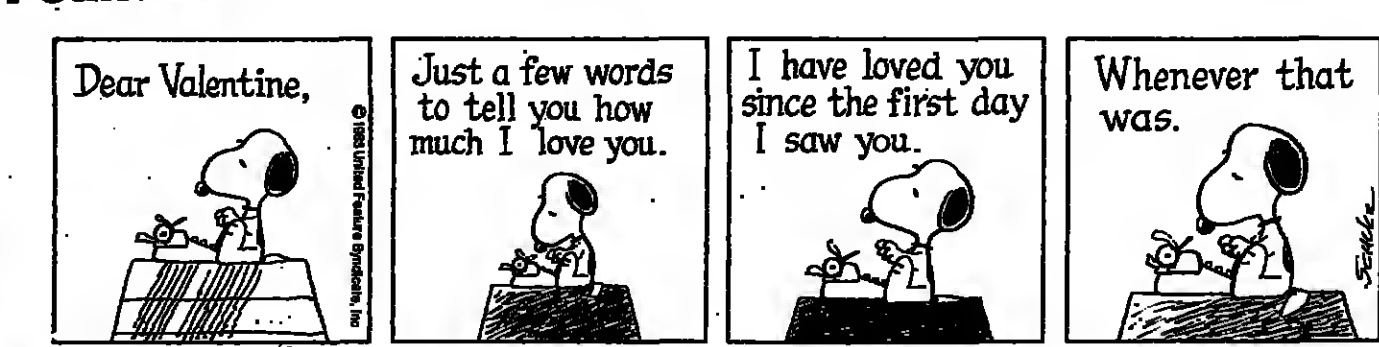
Now arrange the circled letters to form the jumbled answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble: DECAY MOSSY TYPING LACKEY

Answer: What she went through in order to buy her husband a birthday present—HIS POCKETS

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